

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS, our state's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of public safety, energy efficiency and sustainability in the built environment that affect Hoosiers, both in everyday life and in times of disaster, give us confidence that our buildings and structures are safe and sound; and
- WHEREAS, our confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, trades people, laborers, and others in the construction industry who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings and structures; and
- WHEREAS, these guardians—dedicated members of the International Code Council—use a governmental consensus process that brings together local, state and federal officials with expertise in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, play; and
- WHEREAS, the International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used across the United States; these modern building codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, and earthquakes; and
- WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council, to remind the public about the critical role of communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, efficient, and livable buildings; and
- WHEREAS, “Building Safety: Maximizing Resilience, Minimizing Risks” the theme for Building Safety Month 2014, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction, fire prevention, disaster mitigation, backyard safety, energy efficiency and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2014 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship, and play are safe and sustainable, and it recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and
- WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in their communities and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by state and local building and fire departments in protecting lives and property;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael R. Pence, Jr., Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim May 2014 as:

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 7th
day of February in the year of our
Lord 2014 and of the Independence
of the United States 238.*

By Governor:

